

NESCAN HUB NEWS

News, stories and
events from North
East Scotland's
Climate Action
Network

A photograph showing a person's hands picking raspberries from a bush. The hands are reaching into the foliage, and a white wicker basket filled with raspberries and green leaves is visible in the foreground. The background is a soft-focus view of the raspberry bush.

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Welcome to our Nescan Hub July newsletter

All links in this newsletter are clickable!

They will be **bold and underlined**



Newsletter Refocused! We've decided to keep the newsletter as updates, events, funding and resources focussed and we'll be moving stories/features to our website 'news'. This will allow newsletters to be more regular and stories to be more flexible. We're looking forward to sharing with you. Don't worry, we'll include blog links in the newsletter and let you know if new stories are up so you wont miss out!

If you'd like your story for the blog or an event to be featured in an upcoming newsletter or if you have any questions, please email alyssa@nescan.org

Enjoy!



UPDATE ON PROJECTS FROM NESCAN HUB

NESCAN JUST TRANSITION – COMMUNITIES PROJECT

On the 31st May, our partnership project held a knowledge exchange event – NE Communities for a Just Transition. Attended by 125 participants with 3 hosted panel discussions and 8 themed breakout sessions. This event was aimed at bringing together a range of stakeholders from the North East and further afield to discuss the emerging practice and learning of the project so far and showcase some of the outputs and achievements on the road to supporting community empowerment in a “Just Transition”.

The team are busy analysing the feedback and evaluations – and will be back with a fuller story about this and some pictures and videos later in the summer.





UPDATE ON PROJECTS FROM NESCAN HUB

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY WEBSITE IS LIVE



Here in the North East of Scotland, we are facing big changes in our local economy and how we live, due to climate change. Community Assemblies empower community members to voice their opinions on issues that matter to them, allow for those opinions to be heard and enables collaboration to devise strategies for positive change.

NESCAN Hub's Jan/Feb community assemblies brought together community members in Tillydrone, Seaton & Linksfield, and Woodside over 6 workshops. The workshops provided residents with an opportunity to express their perspectives on important issues and actively participate in decision-making that will create a thriving community that values and incorporates everyone's input.

Everyone is invited to input [planning ideas](#) that will help make [hopes for action](#) a reality, including those outside the community areas. If you have ideas or suggestions towards next steps, we'd love to hear from you!

Previous community assembly participants narrowed down a list of achievable priorities they would like to see actioned within their communities, and we need your help to help us to form a path to success.



Upcoming Events

Starting 19 July

[email to book](#)



Growing for Wellbeing course



10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Mind Store is running a training course for those 18 and up to improve gardening skills and gain confidence. It takes 10 weeks during which participants will be involved in activities to build gardening skills and improve mental health. People who attend the 10 sessions (1 every week) can obtain the Grow & Learn in Nature certificate from the Caledonian Horticultural Society.

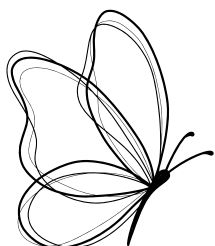
This course mainly takes place at a community garden in Torry, the St Fitticks Edible Garden, with a couple of the sessions located elsewhere.

If you would like more information:

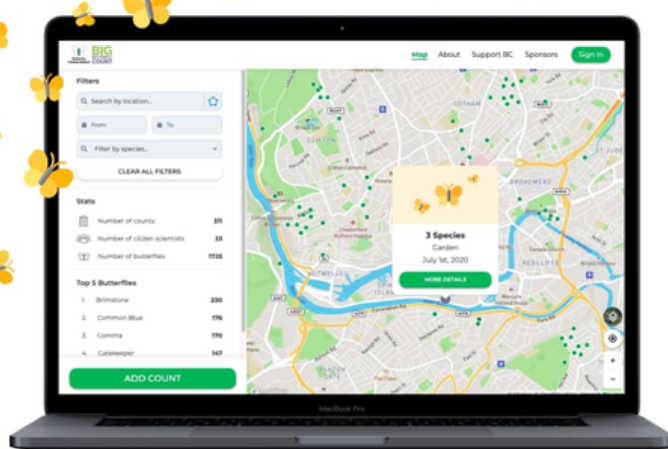
Phone: 07907 473894 Email: mindstore@cfine.org

14 July - 6 August

Big butterfly Count



[Take Part](#)



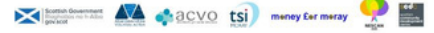
10:00 AM – 2:30PM

The Big Butterfly Count is a UK-wide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) we see.

GREEN PROJECTS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



JUSTTRANSITION
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND



Applications close 4 September 2023

for third sector groups in Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen and Moray



Find out more about the fund at www.jtpbfund.scot

26 July

[Book free tickets](#)

Just Transition Participatory Budgeting online info session

12:00 – 12:45 PM

Learn all about the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund and how your group and community could benefit from it in this online event.

As part of this fund, community groups can put in proposals allowing them to buy goods that will improve their community, while helping to combat climate change and enhance nature.

There is £500,000 to be spent by the communities on projects in each of Moray, Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire. Once the proposals are in, everyone in a local authority area can vote to say which community projects will get funded in that area. It is all about communities making choices about what they want to happen in their local area.

Join NESCAN Hub to gain an overview of the Fund, discuss the answers to the above questions and any other queries you may have.



24 - 28 July

Lathallan Summer Camp

5 Days, ages 9 - 14

This brand new five-day summer camp is designed to inspire our young people to discover, explore and experience our environment. Child-centred, expertly run and lots of fun!

Participants will actively work on projects in three settings including the glen, the coastline, and our school woodland, which are intrinsically linked to renewables, nature and climate change prevention.

[Book tickets](#)



MAKE POLLUTERS PAY ACTION DAY

LOCAL ACTION WORKSHOP

MONDAY 31ST JULY, 7PM-8.30PM
ZOOM
REGISTER VIA EVENTBRITE



31 July

7:00 – 8:30 PM

**[Reserve](#)
[a spot](#)**

As part of Make Polluters Pay Action Day on the 23rd September 2023, the Make Polluters Pay coalition will be hosting an online workshop on the 31st July at 7pm for people to come along and learn more about the Action Day.

see events on eventbrite

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Aberdeenshire's*

Countryside and Coast



**Make memories this summer as we explore
Aberdeenshire's countryside and coast.**

**Find and book our free events on our Eventbrite page
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Pond Dipping



Minibeast Hunt



Rockpooling



Summer '23



Natural Art



Start planning your summer adventures now
scan this code to visit our Eventbrite booking page, or
contact us for more information on Ranger Service activities.

e-mail ranger.service@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
phone 01467 535404



25 August

Book tickets

Let's Talk About Retrofitting 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Join fellow climate activists and community workers for a networking event on retrofitting. We'll hear from climate action projects that are supporting people to find ways to retrofit their homes. Retrofitting has the dual benefits of helping Scotland move toward its goal of net zero and enables people to find solutions to rising energy costs.

Becoming Climate Resilient

Join environmental charity, Sniffer, for a new short course, endorsed by the Edinburgh Climate Change Institute, to explore climate adaptation, climate risk, and opportunities to build resilience and a fairer, flourishing future.

As climate change brings about more frequent and severe disruption across the systems we all rely upon, building resilience is an increasingly urgent priority for businesses, government and communities. Yet, adapting to climate change remains a new challenge for many.

Even if we rapidly reduce global greenhouse gas emissions, we are still locked into significant climate impacts. That's why it is important to not only focus on cutting emissions, but also to take actions to adapt to a changing climate.



19 September

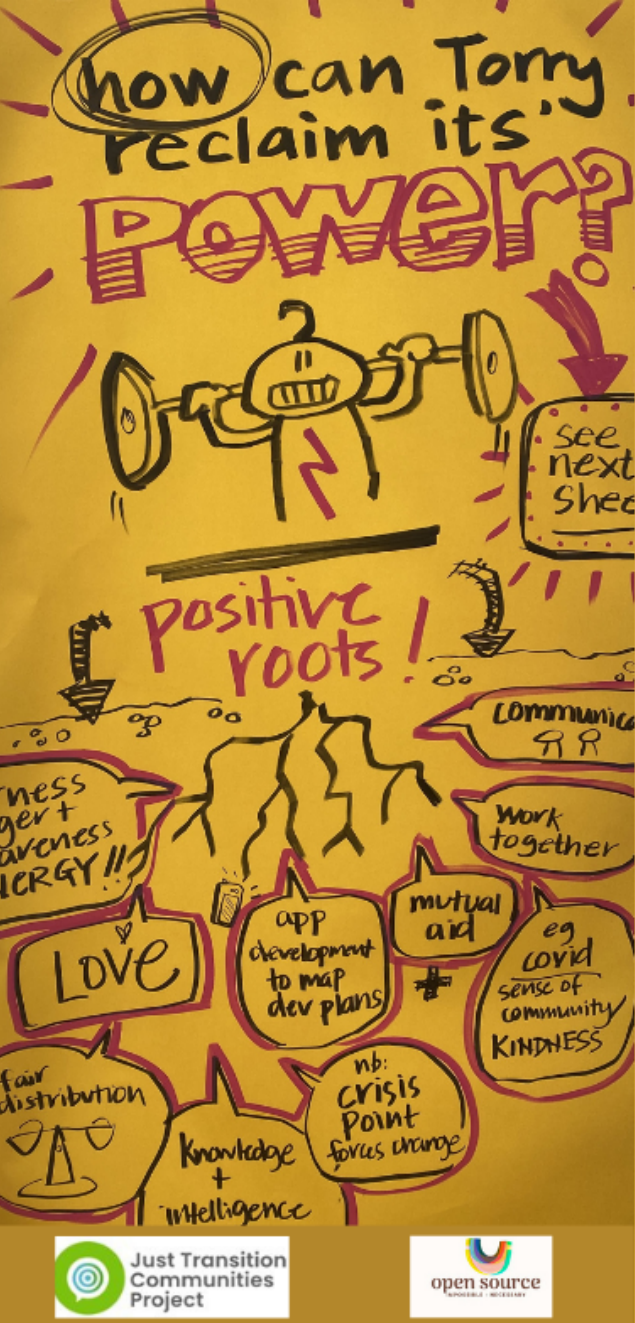
Become Climate Resilient

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Training explores climate adaptation, climate risk, and opportunities to build resilience and a fairer, flourishing future. Becoming Climate Resilient is a one-day course, developed by Sniffer and endorsed by the Edinburgh Climate Change Institute.

£196

book tickets here



JUST TRANSITION COMMUNITIES PROJECT COMMUNITY-LED ASSEMBLIES TRAINING

October 6th (6.30-8.30pm online)
and 14+15th all day, in person

Join us in Torry, Aberdeen for a free course on how to set up and run a local assembly in your community.

Find out more here:

grassroots2global.org/training



Community-led assemblies are a great way to involve people, raise important issues and get change happening in our communities and beyond. Open Source invites you to apply for a place in our free, in-person assemblies training in Aberdeen. This short course runs over 2.5 days: **Friday the 6th (online 6.30–8.30pm), and Saturday the 14th and 15th of October 2023 (in person, all day, in Aberdeen).**

The training will cover everything you need for people in your community to organise, design, run and make change happen with a community-led assembly.

If you're keen to get started on an assembly process this course is tailor-made for you. You can find more information and an application form [here](#). The closing date for applications is 25th September. If you have any questions, please contact Eva: evaschonveld@gmail.com

Funding & Consultations

- **20 Minute Neighbourhood Planning Guidance Consultation**

[read more and respond here](#)

Scot Gov are seeking views on this draft guidance on local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods to support the implementation of National Planning Framework 4.

The Local Living and 20 minute neighbourhood concepts aim to create places where people can meet the majority of their daily needs within a reasonable distance of their home, by walking, wheeling or cycling.

climatechangeengagement@gov.scot

Respond by 20 July, 2023

- **NESCAN Hub Seed Funding is now open!**

[read about the fund here](#)

NESCAN Hub is offering Seed Funding, where groups can apply for grants of up to £500. Seed Funding can be the boost you need to get your project off the ground.

The Seed Funding program is designed to encourage and empower communities to turn their creative concepts into reality. Whether you have an innovative climate action project, or a community driven initiative, this funding opportunity is here to help you get started.

- **Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund**

[about fund](#)

£1.5million is available to support local grassroots green projects from third sector organisations and community groups in the North East and Moray. The Fund is an opportunity for communities to put forward projects that match local needs and priorities and will enable residents to have the final say over which initiatives are funded through a public vote. **closes 4 Sept**

- **Community Learning Exchange (SCCAN)**

[application form](#)

The community learning exchange makes £750 available to community groups for the purpose of visiting and being mentored by another group or organisation (eg. ebikes projects, community gardens, community trusts, etc...). £300 fee to the host organisation and £450 to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence. This is available to any member of SCCAN or to a non member of SCCAN visiting a SCCAN member – <https://sccan.scot/about/members/>. Multiple learning exchanges can be made. Very simple **A4 application online form**

- **Eat it up Fund**

[about fund](#)

Hubbub has launched a £200,000 fund to support innovative ideas to tackle food waste. Supported by Starbucks, offering grants of up to £40,000.

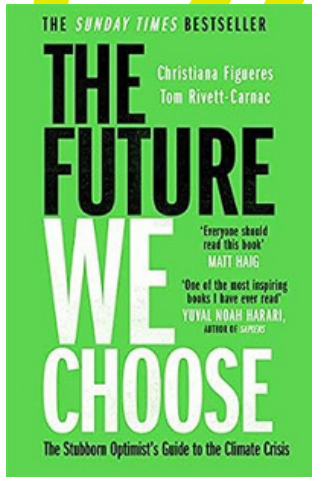
- **Safe Deposits ScotInad Community Fund**

[about fund](#)

SafeDeposits Scotland, the country's leading tenancy deposit protection scheme, has introduced a Community Fund designed to provide small grants to projects enhancing communities across Scotland.

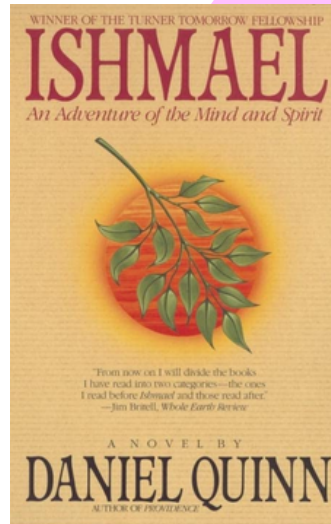
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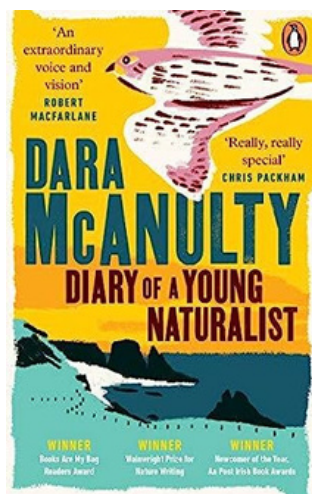
The Future We Choose: Christiana Figueres & Tom Rivett-Carnac

Climate change: arguably the most urgent & consequential issue humankind has ever faced. How we address it in the next 30 years will determine the kind of world we will live in and will bequeath to our children and to theirs.



Ishmael: Daniel Quinn

A story that extends backward and forward over the lifespan of the earth from the birth of time to a future there is still time to save.



Diary of A Young Naturalist: Dara McAnulty

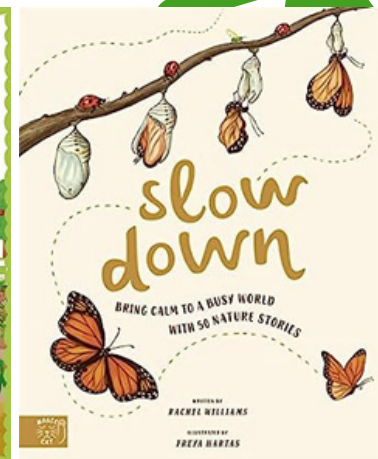
Vivid, evocative and moving diary entries about 15-year-old Dara's connection to wildlife and the way he sees the world are raw in their telling.



The Green Witch: Arin Murphy-Hiscock

Discover how to find harmony in Earth's great elements and connect your soul to every living creature.

Children's books



- **Nature Origami:** Clover Robin
- **Some Bugs:** Brendan Wenzel

- **How Things Grow:** Usbourne
- **Slow Down:** Rachel Williams

Podcasts:

PoliticsJOE's Pubcast: <https://podtail.com/podcast/politicsjoe/>

Outrage and Optimism: <https://www.outrageandoptimism.org/>



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Are you looking for

- Help with your community climate action group or project?
- Help with funding?
- Interested in learning more about turning climate knowledge into action?

NESCAN Hub is here to help. [Become a member](#) or get in touch: info@nescan.org

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